

81. (New) The diverter sub of Claim 74 wherein said diverter sub is integral with one end of said tubular.

82. (New) The diverter sub of Claim 74 whwherein said valve means comprises two non-return valves one of which will allow drilling fluid to flow from said tubular to and down said drill string whilst the other will allow drilling flyuid to flow through a said side port means and down said string.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated 5 December 2007. The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 69-72. In addition, the Examiner stated that Claims 58-62, 64 and 68 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Applicant is amending the Claims in order to overcome the Examiners objections and rejections. Since Claims 69-72 were allowed by the Examiner, they remain unchanged.

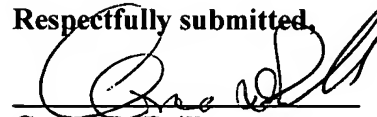
Claim 73 is a newly rewritten claim replacing cancelled Claims 66-68 and is written in response to the rejection of Claims 66-67 and the objected Claim 68.

Claims 74-81 are newly rewritten claims replacing cancelled Claims 56-65 and are written in response to the rejection of Claims 56,57, 63 and objected Claims 58-62 and 64.

Claim 82, a newly added claim, covers an embodiment in which two separate and distinct non-return valves are used rather than a single valve. There is a basis for this on page 11 lines 25 et seq. of the specification.

The Applicant respectfully requests an early allowance of Claims 69-83 now in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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